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SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR LAUNCHING FMCT NEGOTIATIONS AT THE 2010 CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT; WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO REALIZE THE PRAGUE AGENDA (CD)

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- [1](#)1. (C) Summary. The outlook for launching Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty Negotiations (FMCT), one of the President's signature goals from his
- [1](#)2. (C) The Conference on Disarmament (CD) is beginning its 2010 session, with Pakistan continuing to block the commencement of FMCT negotiatic
- [1](#)3. (C) China appears to be reverting to its stance in mid-2009, when it nominally supported the 2009 CD Program of Work (aka CD/1864), but in
- [1](#)4. (C) In response, a number of primarily western bloc members (with France in the vocal lead) are suggesting the option of initiating what we
- [1](#)5. (C) Recent meetings and informal discussions with a range of CD members have revealed that there is a reluctance among a small but growing
- [1](#)7. (C) Within the CD, and among "civil society" actors . . . the view is widely held that the USG's efforts and changes in policy in 2009 crea
- [1](#)8. (C) Delegation recommends that we pursue a multi-front strategy to reenergize this stalled initiative.
- Send a coordinated USG message to Pakistani counterparts enlisting in particular senior U.S. military to reassure them that their equities c
- Use upcoming meetings in capitals with P-3 and P-5 partners to coordinate our diplomatic strategy. We will have to be particularly energetic
- [1](#)9. (C) Delegation particularly recommends that senior USG OSD and military figures convey a coordinated message to the key Pakistani military.
- [1](#)10. (C) Comment. . . . U.S. credibility could suffer if one of its signature arms control projects is still-born in Geneva. End comment.

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